

Malika Abdul-Basir

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Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 1:33 PM
To: Malika Abdul-Basir
Subject: HB 5711, 5712, and 5713

Dear Ms. Abdul-Basir,

Please register my opposition to HB 5711, 5712, and 5713. It prevents doctors from using their best medical judgement. It attacks a women's right to privacy in medical matters. It turns the clock back fifty years to a time when women obtained illegal abortions at a very real risk to their lives.

If the goal is to reduce the number of abortions performed in Michigan, please consider moving forward on policies that would help prevent unwanted pregnancies. Improving access for women to family planning and prenatal health care, expanding access to (and insurance coverage of) contraceptives, and providing "abstinence plus" education for our young people would be a much more effective way of reducing the number of abortions in Michigan. The bills being proposed will also make it more difficult for women and couples to access important health care services such as cancer screenings, contraception, sexually transmitted disease prevention and treatment, and continued access to safe and compassionate abortion care.

The idea that this legislation is being considered is disgusting and out of touch with the health needs of a huge constituency: women. To make it so difficult for Michigan women to have access to reproductive health care is beyond offensive. Please reject House Bills 5711, 5712, and 5713.

Respectfully,

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